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All People	283,065	89,555	1,809	31.6	0.6	294,345	67,763	1,330	23.0	0.4	297,531	69,072	1,549	23.2	0.5	299,909	70,862	1,621	23.6	0.5
Race and Hispanic Origin																				
White ³	226,611	66,697	1,670	29.4	0.7	235,386	49,320	1,181	21.0	0.5	237,150	49,814	1,381	21.0	0.6	238,411	51,152	1,336	21.5	0.6
White, non-Hispanic ⁴	187,449	47,587	1,372	25.4	0.7	193,810	33,483	971	17.3	0.5	194,507	33,902	1,071	17.4	0.6	194,464	34,625	1,096	17.8	0.6
Black ³	35,718	16,182	732	45.3	2.0	37,160	13,262	564	35.7	1.5	37,765	13,585	648	36.0	1.7	38,243	13,837	674	36.2	1.7
Asian ³	10,935	2,854	387	26.1	3.1	11,233	2,019	272	18.0	2.2	11,761	2,314	308	19.7	2.5	12,045	2,382	326	19.8	2.4
Hispanic ⁴	42,786	21,210	866	49.6	1.9	45,668	17,818	806	39.0	1.7	47,088	17,941	885	38.1	1.8	48,453	18,540	823	38.3	1.7
Non-Hispanic	240,279	68,345	1,590	28.4	0.7	248,676	49,945	1,171	20.1	0.5	250,443	51,131	1,226	20.4	0.5	251,456	52,322	1,379	20.8	0.5
Age																				
Under 18 years	71,350	28,974	805	40.6	1.1	72,839	23,054	658	31.7	0.9	73,430	23,563	711	32.1	1.0	73,427	23,714	757	32.3	1.0
18 to 64 years	178,961	55,439	1,224	31.0	0.7	185,279	40,838	862	22.0	0.5	187,251	41,730	990	22.3	0.5	188,552	42,975	1,046	22.8	0.6
65 years and over	32,753	5,142	289	15.7	0.9	36,227	3,871	208	10.7	0.6	36,850	3,779	230	10.3	0.6	37,931	4,173	245	11.0	0.6
Sex																				
Male	137,201	41,687	1,099	30.4	0.8	143,577	31,733	738	22.1	0.5	145,473	32,429	843	22.3	0.6	146,952	33,249	860	22.6	0.6
Female	145,864	47,868	981	32.8	0.7	150,768	36,030	761	23.9	0.5	152,058	36,643	878	24.1	0.6	152,957	37,613	951	24.6	0.6
Educational Attainment⁵ (people 18 years and over)																				
Less than 4 years of high school	27,181	13,757	762	50.6	1.8	28,733	11,043	525	38.4	1.4	27,531	10,893	559	39.6	1.6	26,401	10,617	594	40.2	1.6
High school graduate, no college	52,478	16,642	655	31.7	1.0	56,029	13,025	450	23.2	0.7	58,984	13,422	519	22.8	0.7	61,071	14,808	613	24.2	0.9
One or more years of college	132,055	30,183	843	22.9	0.6	136,743	20,640	570	15.1	0.4	137,585	21,194	648	15.4	0.5	139,010	21,723	662	15.6	0.5
Disability Status (people 15 to 69 years)																				
With a work disability	24,829	11,032	538	44.4	1.4	25,777	8,895	364	34.5	1.1	26,537	9,098	408	34.3	1.1	27,770	9,772	471	35.2	1.3
With no work disability	177,237	50,561	1,199	28.5	0.7	183,461	36,698	917	20.0	0.5	184,755	37,299	925	20.2	0.5	185,220	38,096	1,036	20.6	0.6
Residence																				
Metropolitan	236,089	72,244	2,466	30.6	0.7	246,196	54,674	1,639	22.2	0.5	246,990	54,786	1,889	22.2	0.6	248,608	55,760	1,833	22.4	0.6
Nonmetropolitan	46,976	17,311	2,123	36.9	1.9	48,149	13,089	1,590	27.2	1.6	50,541	14,286	1,567	28.3	1.6	51,301	15,102	1,681	29.4	1.7
Region																				
Northeast	51,348	13,582	820	26.5	1.6	53,419	10,505	590	19.7	1.1	53,607	10,210	711	19.0	1.3	53,830	10,724	691	19.9	1.3
Midwest	62,414	18,522	769	29.7	1.2	64,551	13,607	561	21.1	0.9	64,892	14,112	643	21.7	1.0	65,044	14,271	751	21.9	1.1
South	104,093	35,966	988	34.6	0.9	108,045	27,257	916	25.2	0.8	109,466	27,825	914	25.4	0.8	110,818	28,575	1,004	25.8	0.9
West	65,210	21,485	902	32.9	1.4	68,329	16,393	648	24.0	1.0	69,565	16,926	828	24.3	1.2	70,217	17,291	830	24.6	1.2

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Family Status																				
In families	236,058	70,456	1,638	29.8	0.7	244,270	52,086	1,269	21.3	0.5	247,476	53,260	1,410	21.5	0.6	249,429	54,955	1,528	22.0	0.6
With related children under 18 years	148,326	54,770	1,554	36.9	1.0	153,053	42,516	1,206	27.8	0.8	154,643	43,820	1,326	28.3	0.9	155,784	44,757	1,433	28.7	0.9
In married-couple families	181,112	42,824	1,431	23.6	0.8	185,951	28,511	1,038	15.3	0.5	188,226	29,168	1,200	15.5	0.6	189,070	30,508	1,204	16.1	0.6
With related children under 18 years	109,775	31,882	1,375	29.0	1.2	111,826	22,096	970	19.8	0.8	113,138	22,787	1,110	20.1	0.9	114,387	23,983	1,082	21.0	0.9
In families with a female householder, no husband present	42,183	22,400	834	53.1	1.8	44,555	19,408	677	43.6	1.4	45,064	20,104	795	44.6	1.7	45,964	20,339	828	44.3	1.6
With related children under 18 years	30,426	19,035	820	62.6	2.1	32,626	17,158	650	52.6	1.6	32,651	17,787	777	54.5	1.9	32,582	17,604	776	54.0	2.0
In families with a male householder, no wife present	12,762	5,232	491	41.0	3.0	13,764	4,167	392	30.3	2.4	14,186	3,988	357	28.1	2.3	14,395	4,108	413	28.5	2.5
With related children under 18 years	8,125	3,853	441	47.4	3.9	8,600	3,262	366	37.9	3.3	8,854	3,246	335	36.7	3.3	8,816	3,170	397	36.0	3.6
Unrelated individuals	47,007	19,099	587	40.6	1.2	50,075	15,677	398	31.3	0.8	50,055	15,812	450	31.6	0.8	50,480	15,906	444	31.5	0.9
In non-family households	43,430	16,774	541	38.6	1.2	46,020	13,448	360	29.2	0.8	46,526	13,823	411	29.7	0.9	47,293	14,196	435	30.0	0.9
Employment and Labor Force Status (people 18 years and over)																				
Employed absent from work	2,688	1,301	185	48.4	4.6	2,701	911	111	33.7	3.4	2,235	747	130	33.4	4.6	2,036	704	112	34.6	4.5
Employed full-time	104,394	20,848	710	20.0	0.7	106,377	12,024	476	11.3	0.4	104,084	11,594	459	11.1	0.4	104,801	12,382	489	11.8	0.5
Employed part-time	32,394	12,207	582	37.7	1.4	33,550	9,240	385	27.5	1.0	32,670	8,525	370	26.1	1.0	32,611	8,694	431	26.7	1.1
Unemployed	8,999	5,275	392	58.6	3.0	9,659	4,625	258	47.9	2.1	13,326	6,248	336	46.9	1.8	11,804	5,660	372	47.9	2.2
Not in labor force	63,239	20,950	669	33.1	0.9	69,219	17,909	532	25.9	0.7	71,785	18,394	549	25.6	0.7	75,230	19,708	652	26.2	0.8
Marital Status (people 18 years and over)																				
Married	117,540	24,589	798	20.9	0.7	121,700	16,276	571	13.4	0.5	121,630	16,328	612	13.4	0.5	121,462	17,068	678	14.1	0.5
Separated, divorced, or widowed	38,669	13,611	479	35.2	1.1	41,780	10,746	374	25.7	0.8	41,994	10,926	406	26.0	0.9	42,745	11,619	399	27.2	0.9
Never married	55,506	22,381	671	40.3	1.1	58,026	17,687	518	30.5	0.8	60,477	18,255	547	30.2	0.8	62,275	18,461	611	29.6	0.9
Family Size																				
1 person (unrelated individual)	47,007	19,099	587	40.6	1.2	50,075	15,677	398	31.3	0.8	50,055	15,812	450	31.6	0.8	50,480	15,906	444	31.5	0.9
2 people	70,150	15,942	734	22.7	1.0	73,056	11,098	535	15.2	0.7	71,761	10,836	534	15.1	0.7	70,462	11,040	501	15.7	0.7
3 people	51,399	14,233	816	27.7	1.5	52,797	10,769	609	20.4	1.1	53,230	10,523	670	19.8	1.1	54,100	10,972	733	20.3	1.2
4 people	57,385	16,384	995	28.6	1.5	58,616	11,484	626	19.6	1.0	61,106	12,186	771	19.9	1.2	61,430	12,534	799	20.4	1.2
5 people	32,844	12,600	1,042	38.4	2.5	33,892	9,989	769	29.5	2.0	34,863	9,959	772	28.6	1.9	36,666	10,617	837	29.0	1.9
6 or more people	24,279	11,296	1,074	46.5	3.4	25,909	8,746	761	33.8	2.5	26,516	9,756	877	36.8	2.8	26,771	9,793	838	36.6	2.6

¹ Panel and yearly estimates are based on different samples. The 3-year panel estimates include only respondents in the panel for 36 months whereas calendar year estimates include respondents in sample for 12 months. The numbers of respondents in each sample are as follows: 48,937 in the 3-year panel, 73,695 in 2009, 67,452 in 2010, and 62,841 in 2011.

² A 90 percent confidence interval (C.I.) is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate.

³ Federal surveys, including the SIPP 2004 and 2008 Panel, give respondents the option of reporting more than one race. These data can be shown in two ways: (1) as mutually exclusive from other race groups, which may be denoted by "alone" or (2) not mutually exclusive with other race groups, denoted by "alone or in combination with other race groups." The figures, tables, and text in this report show race using the first method.

⁴ Hispanics may be any race, data in this report for Hispanics overlap data for racial groups. Data users should exercise caution when interpreting aggregate results for these groups because they consist of many distinct subgroups that differ in socioeconomic characteristics, culture, and recency of immigration.

⁵ In the 2004 and 2008 SIPP Panels, educational attainment variables were incorrectly coded for some respondents starting in Wave 2. Corrected files have been rereleased for the 2008 Panel for Waves 2 to 5, and starting in Wave 6, the corrected values were automatically included in the initial person-level data files. Corrected files were also rereleased for Waves 2 to 12 of the 2004 Panel. These estimates reflect those corrections to the educational attainment variables.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2008 Panel. For information on confidentiality protection and sampling and nonsampling error, see <www.census.gov/sipp/source.html>.